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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 13 and 15 to 18 are pending. Claims 17 and 18 are new. No claims are allowed.

1. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to set forth that the amorphous carbon-containing coating having a random carbonaceous structure with no covalent bonding is "devoid of any crystalline structure having covalent bonding in three dimensions". This is believed to obviate diamond-like carbon (DLC) as a useful material for the carbon-containing coating. Support for the definition of DLC is found in the specification at page 9, lines 21 to 22.

Allowance of these claims is requested.

It is believed that claims 1 to 13 and 15 to 18 are now in condition for allowance. Notice of Allowance is requested.

Respectfully,



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